

Building a Future Without Destroying the Past

Matthew 5:17–20

Two Questions:

- 1) Did Jesus Break the Law?
- 2) How Exactly Did Jesus Fulfill the Law?

1. Our Faith Is Rooted in History

Matthew 5:17

2. Our Faith Is Rooted in the Word of God

Matthew 5:18–19

3. Our Faith Is Rooted in the Heart

Matthew 5:20

Life Group Questions
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Opener: Growing up, what family rule did you love to break? Why?

1. What have we seen so far in the Sermon on the Mount?

Read Matthew 5:17–20

2. Jesus suggests in verse 17 that people thought He came to abolish the Law and Prophets. Why might Jesus have to explain His position on the Law and Prophets?
3. Read Gen 12:3 (Acts 3:25–26); Gen 17:19 (Romans 9:7); Gen 28:14 (Luke 3:34). How does Jesus “fulfill” the Prophets and “accomplish everything” in the Law? What other passages can you point to as evidence of this?
4. Read Matthew 5:3–11; 23. How does the righteousness of the Pharisees contrast with that in Matthew 5:3–11?
5. Read Romans 3:9–31. How does this passage help you understand Matthew 5:20?
6. With your group or with a friend, look over the next steps and discuss why these are important steps to take as we begin a new year.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:17 ESV

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”